

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An injection device having a housing with a spring drive ~~releasable sequentially operable~~, firstly to urge a syringe within the housing forwards to a forward position to project its needle from the forward end of the housing and then to press a piston within the syringe forwards to eject a dose through the needle, wherein the spring drive includes a first spring that acts between the housing and a plunger aligned to cooperate with the piston[[],] to urge the plunger forwardly and a second spring that acts in compression between the plunger and the syringe in opposition to the first spring when the plunger presses said piston forwards to eject the dose, the second spring being weaker than the first spring but being sufficiently stiff to be in an expanded state when the syringe reaches its forward position with its needle penetrating the flesh of a patient, whereupon the first spring, as it fully expands, will then compress the second spring to urge the plunger forwards and thereby move the piston and expel the dose within the syringe, the second spring meanwhile serving to retain the syringe seated at its forward position.

2. (original) An injection device according to claim 1, wherein the plunger has a collar slidable lengthwise within limits, and the second spring bears on the rear side of this collar, while the forward side of the collar co-operated with the syringe.

3. (previously presented) An injection device according to claim 1, including a third, light spring urging the syringe rearwardly so that its needle is retracted within the housing prior to use.

4. (original) An injection device according to claim 3, wherein the third spring encircles the syringe and acts between a rear flange of the syringe and an internal shoulder of the housing.

5-6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) An injection device according to claim 2, including a third, light spring urging the syringe rearwardly so that its needle is retracted within the housing prior to use.

8. (previously presented) An injection device according to claim 7, wherein the third spring encircles the syringe and acts

between a rear flange of the syringe and an internal shoulder of the housing.